

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Lloyd G. RATCHFORD

GAU: 2833

SERIAL NO: 10/720,676

EXAMINER: Ta, Tho Dac

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FOR: SLOTTED CONTACT RETENTION AND ALIGNMENT DEVICE FOR CONTACT ASSEMBLIES

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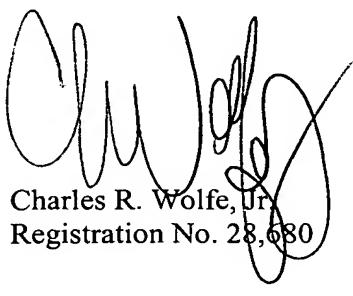
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2004, of which a one-month petition for extension of time is hereby requested, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.